GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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FOOD PARKS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of food parks sanctioned during the Ninth Plan;

(b) the total number of food parks functioning at present in the country, State-wise and location-wise;

(c) whether the Government are considering to shorten the gestation period of the food parks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) & (b): A total of 27 Food parks were approved during the Ninth Plan period. Most of the projects were approved in the last two years of the Ninth Plan and in three cases of Food parks at Ghaziabad (U.P.), Madurai (Tamil Nadu) and Mallapuram(Kerala), most of the civil works have been completed.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries doesnot set up food parks of its own. The Ministry, under its Plan Scheme, only provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to Public Sector Undertaking/Joint/Assisted/PrivateSector/NonGovernmental Organizations/Cooperatives for creation ofspecific common facilities in Food Parks. The gestation period depends, inter-alia on managerial, financial and tectical issues related to the project. On its part, the Ministryhas reviewed the progress of Food park projects periodically.